# REGULAR MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

### **APPEALS**

Friday, October 25, 2019 9:00 a.m. Commission Chambers 1915 N. Stiles Ave. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma www.wcc.ok.gov

#### AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER .......Presiding Appellate Officer, Chairman Liotta

ROLL CALL .....Presiding Appellate Officer, Chairman Liotta

BUSINESS .....Presiding Appellate Officer, Chairman Liotta

\*STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE BY CHAIRMAN\*

#### A. MINUTES:

• The drafted Minutes of the Regular Appeal Meeting of September 20, 2019, will be considered for approval.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMISSION

### B. Appeal Hearings before the Commission En Banc from Orders Issued by the Commission's Administrative Law Judges

The hearings before the Commission en banc will be conducted pursuant to the authority and jurisdiction of the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act, Title 85A O.S. §1 et seq., and the Workers' Compensation Commission's Permanent Rules, OAC 810. The Commissioners may recess for lunch.

The procedure for the hearings before the Commission en banc is as follows:

- Each side will be allowed ten (10) minutes for oral arguments.
- The appellant will present first. Appellant may divide his or her ten minutes for argument, allowing a portion of that time for rebuttal.
- Both parties are subject to questioning by Commissioners.

### 1. <u>Djohn Brown v. Spring House Water Co., Inc. & CompSource Mutual</u> Ins., Co. (FKA CompSource Oklahoma), File #CM2017-01710J

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Curtin. Brad W. Wicker is the attorney of record for the Claimant and D. Wade Christensen is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

#### **Possible Action:**

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, affirming the order and decision of the Administrative Law Judge and issuing an order to that effect, or taking preliminary action in the matter to reverse, modify, remand or if otherwise do not fully affirm the order of the Administrative Law Judge and instructing the Appellate Counsel or other staff member to draft a proposed order to be considered in further deliberations at a future Commission meeting, or continuing the matter.

### 2. Shawn Tidwell v. City of Oklahoma City (Own Risk), File #CM2015-02365A

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Bob Burke is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Bradley J. McClure is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

#### **Possible Action:**

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### 3. Michael Dean Little v. Multiple Injury Trust Fun, File #CM2017-05558QMIF

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Curtin. J Kord Hammert is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Richard Cole is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

#### **Possible Action:**

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### 4. Mackenzie Edward Demers v. Infrastructure & Energy Alternatives LLC, File #CM2017-05635A

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge McMillin. D. Eliot Yaffe is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Robin C. Carlton is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

#### **Possible Action:**

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### 5. Francisco House v. UE Manufacturing LLC & Arch Insurance Co., File #CM2018-07222A

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Mark Litton is the attorney of record for the Claimant and David B. Custar is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

#### **Possible Action:**

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### 6. <u>Dennis Carbin Kolbe v. Multiple Injury Trust Fund, File #CM2016-</u>07041KMIF

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Sidney A. Musser Jr. is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Richard Cole is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

#### **Possible Action:**

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### 7. Timothy L. Wright v. Tyson Foods Inc. (Own Risk), File #CM2018-05785K

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Michael R. Green is the attorney of record for the Claimant. Rose M. J. Sloan is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

#### Possible Action:

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# 8. John McArthur King Jr. v. Mulford Construction & CompSource Mutual Ins. Co., (FKA CompSource Oklahoma), File #CM2018-01333L

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Rodney Palmer is the attorney of record for the Claimant. Robert A. Manchester is the attorney of record for Respondent Milford Construction. Jon L. Derouen Jr. is the attorney of record for the Respondent Tim Brown.

#### **Possible Action:**

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### C. Commission Consideration of Adoption of Final Order in the Following Cases:

## 1. <u>Vickie Elaine Franks v. Little Dixie Community Action Agency & CompSource Mutual Insurance (FKA CompSource Oklahoma) File</u> #CM2016-05896A

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Edward Grimes represented the Claimant and John S. Oldfield Jr., represented the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on August 23, 2019. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement.

#### Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

### 2. Glenda Childers v. Amity Care LLC (Own Risk #14907) & Grace Living Center, File #CM2015-07747X

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Robert A. Flynn is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Julie Thompson Weller is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on September 20, 2019. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took preliminary action to remand the Administrative Law Judges Order.

#### **Possible Action:**

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting an order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

#### D. Announcements

Commission's next special business meeting is Thursday, November 7, 2019. Commission's next regular meeting regarding Appeals is scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT......Presiding Appellate Officer, Chairman Liotta